

2010 GENERAL POLICY (Revised: October 15, 2020)

In accordance with the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics and the Tucson Police Department Mission Statement, it is the sworn duty of every officer to safeguard and protect human life. Members shall treat all persons with respect, professionalism, and courtesy. If the use of force becomes necessary, members shall use force proportionate to the threat.

It is neither the policy of the department nor the intent of these *General Orders* that officers unnecessarily or unreasonably endanger themselves or others. The force model is to be used as a general guide to using force when necessary.

A member who observes another member using inappropriate, unnecessary, or unreasonable force shall intervene to stop the use of force as soon as possible. A member who witnesses inappropriate, unnecessary, or unreasonable use of force by another member shall report it as soon as practicable to a supervisor.

If the use of force becomes necessary, members shall, as soon as practicable, provide medical care to any person who has visible injuries, appears to be agitated or in distress, complains of being injured, or requests medical attention.

As soon as it is safe to do so, members shall ensure that appropriate care is given to the recipient of force. This includes moving the person into the recovery position unless an articulable medical condition exists that may endanger the person (e.g., neck or spinal injuries).

2112.2 Injury to Prisoners or Damage to Property

Department members are responsible for the welfare, safety, and security of the person they arrest until the arrestee is transferred to another officer, detained at the jail or prison, or released.

If an arrestee is injured, ill, or has another medical condition requiring immediate care, the arresting/transporting officer shall ensure that the arrestee receives appropriate medical attention. The circumstances surrounding the need for and provision of this medical care shall be fully documented in a written report and field photographs taken if applicable.

Arrestees who are injured, ill, or who have other medical conditions requiring immediate care should be evaluated and transported by EMS personnel to a medical facility unless EMS personnel clear these arrestees for transport in a patrol vehicle.

A supervisor shall be notified of an ill or injured prisoner as soon as is practicable. An ***Injured Person Report*** shall be completed as necessary (see General Order 2164.2).